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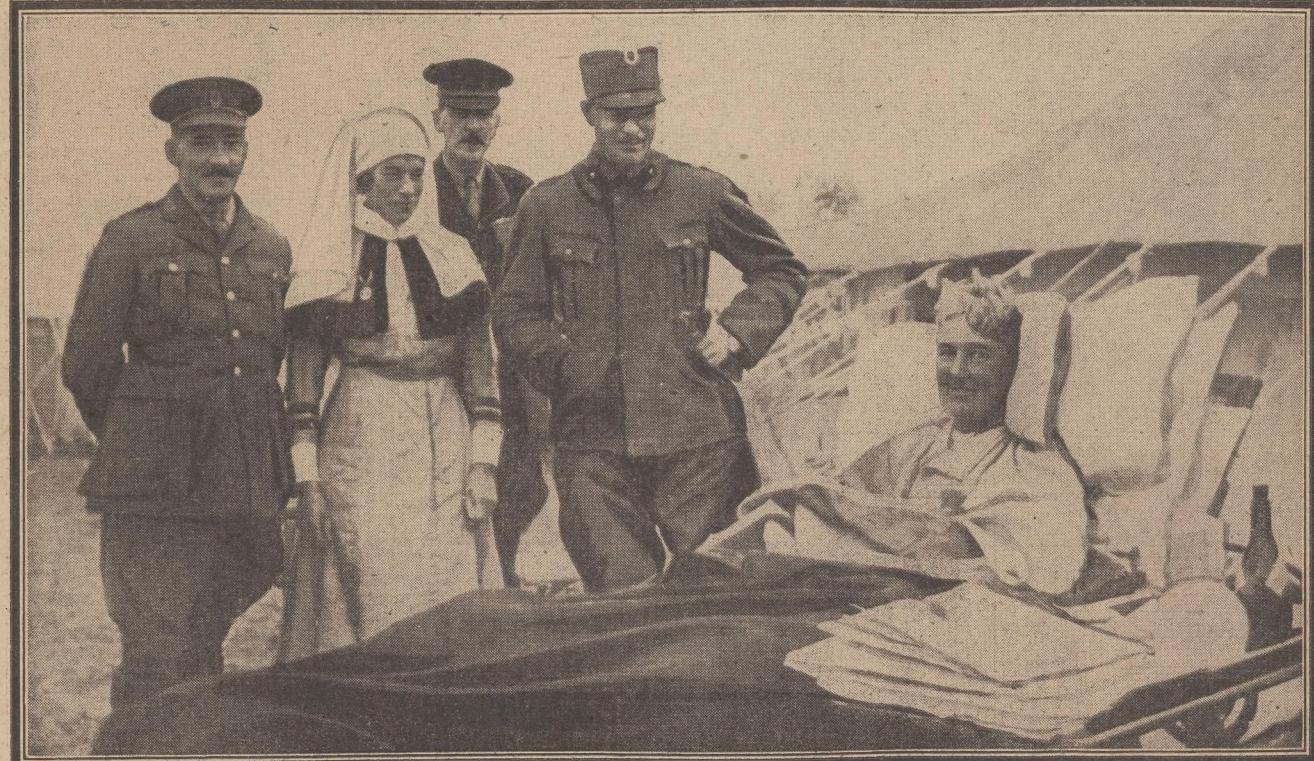
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**BRITISH NURSE "WHO WAS ALWAYS FIRST OVER THE TOP"
DECORATED WITH THE SERBIAN V.C.** *Pisat*



This photograph, which reaches us from the Salonika front, illustrates an interesting little ceremony which took place unostentatiously at a hospital. The heroine is Sister Sands who, during the great Serbian retreat, joined the ranks and fought with the

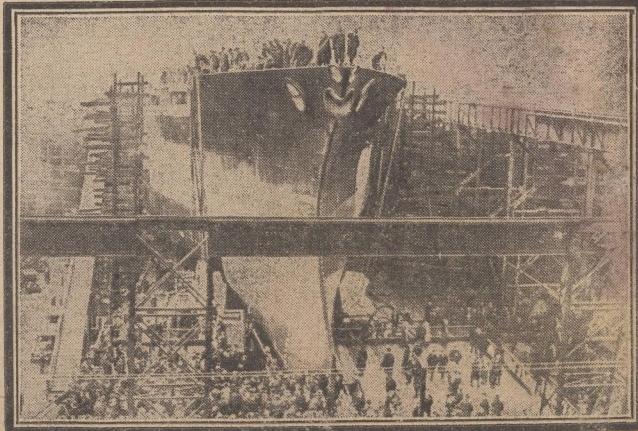
men. She performed innumerable acts of bravery, and according to the officer who decorated her was "always first over the parapet." The medal, which the Serbian Government have awarded her, is equivalent to our Victoria Cross.

MULES USED FOR CONVEYANCE OF WOUNDED. *G 110219*



This photograph shows how mules are used to carry wounded Russian soldiers at the front near Monastir. Each animal can carry two men, one being slung on each side.—
(French War Office.)

WILL SHE BEGIN HER CAREER WITH WAR? *B 110219*



Twenty thousand people cheered when the American super-dreadnaught Mississippi took the water at Newport News. A striking feature of the new ship is her clipper bow, which is seen in the photograph.

Sweeping New Call To The Colours.

B2 and C2 Men to Join
at Once.

BIG GOVERNMENT "COMB."

The War Office issued last night an order calling to the colours men of military age who have been classified in categories B 2 and C 2.

Men in the first-named class have been passed for service with labour units or for outdoor employment abroad; C 2 men perform the same duties at home.

The order is as follows:

In accordance with the decision of the War Cabinet, and following upon the instruction of the Director-General of National Service that Government Departments are to cancel forthwith all exemptions granted to young men of eighteen to twenty-two years of age passed for recruitment, the War Office has ordered the immediate call up of men to the colours.

Instructions have been issued to recruiting officers that men of eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two, passed for general service and employed in Government establishments or by controlled and badged firms are to be called up for service at once.

MEN WHO ARE EXEMPT.

The order affects Government servants of all kinds, including policemen, firemen, teachers, men in the employment of local authorities, Post Office servants, Customs and Excise employees and the Civil Service generally.

It does not apply to men engaged in agriculture, steel production, mines, quarries, railway shops, transport work, shipyards, or to men in the occupations covered by the trade card scheme.

In the cases of men of the ages mentioned above who hold tribunal exemptions, with the exception of those in certified occupations reviews are to be applied for immediately.

All War Office exemptions and recruiting officers' exemptions for men of the ages mentioned have been cancelled, with the exception of a few relating to students serving in officers' training camps who are having training for commissions in the forces and others under instruction in schools of wireless telephony.

Men classed in B and C categories engaged on the work of national importance set out above, and those who have been placed in substitution for general service men called to the colours, or men who have been enrolled as Army Reserve munition workers, are excepted.

THE UNSEEN HAND.

Foreign Office Comb - Out Demanded—Uninterred Germans.

The immediate appointment of a Royal Commission "to investigate that treacherous influence in our midst, known as the 'unseen hand,' and calling upon the Government to dispense with the services of all officials in the Foreign Office who are members of German subjects or who have German connections."

This was what was demanded at a meeting held by the Woman's Imperial Defence Council at Cannon-street Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Jeyson Hicks declared that after two and a half years of war there were in this country some 20,000 uninterred Germans, of whom 14,000 or 15,000 were in London and its suburbs.

In June last official figures showed there were 4,294 enemy aliens living in prohibited areas.

RUSH FOR COAL.

Women in Furs Take Away Sacks in Taxicabs.

The difficulty of obtaining coal in many parts of London and suburbs owing to the ice-coated streets continues.

Coal depots were besieged early in the morning and men, women and children carried away coal in baskets and buckets, while perambulators, go-carts, wheelbarrows and children's sledges were pressed into service by their lucky owners.

It was not unusual to see women in furs taking away a sack of coal in a taxicab. Long queues of women and children lined up behind itinerant coal peddlars' lorries, patiently waiting for their doles of coal.

WINTER'S LONG REIGN.

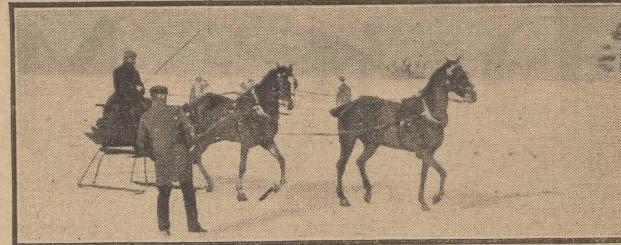
Tobogganing Amid the Surrey Hills—Swiss-like Scenes.

There was a slight relaxation of the cold in London yesterday, the temperature being in the city recording 28°F. less of frost than on Wednesday.

Severe cold continues in North Yorkshire and South Lincolnshire, while in Western Durham the snow is so deep that outdoor work has been abandoned in many places.

Charles Drew, a platelayer, was found frozen to death on the Taff Vale line.

In the Surrey hills district tobogganing is again in full swing. One hill at Caterham presents quite a Swiss scene.



Driving tandem across Lake Windermere when it was frozen over in 1895. Large areas are now covered with ice and there will be twelve miles of ice at the skaters' disposal if the frost holds out.

TO FIGHT U BOATS.

Britain's New Schemes for Smashing Hunns' Latest Frightfulness.

CLOSELY-GUARDED SECRET.

Britain's plans to fight the U boat menace, as stated by Lord Curzon in the House of Lords on Wednesday, have been received with the liveliest satisfaction in shipping and naval circles.

In naval circles, as was to be expected, a good deal of reference to discuss the position was shown. It was understood, however, that the latest methods which have been put in operation have proved highly effective.

It was further learned that several new schemes for dealing with the U boat have been placed during the past week before the Admiralty Board of the Admiralty.

Naturally the details are a closely-guarded secret, but it is stated that experiments which have been carried out have shown the invention capable of performing all that was claimed for it.

A writer in the *Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool) estimates the number of German submarines now available for sinking ships at 100 and 150.

M. Marcel Hulin in the *Echo de Paris*, states: "The Germans are making their big effort, and have sent out every submarine possible. Approximately it is estimated that about 30,000 tons damage has been caused during the past three days off our coasts."

This period of activity is likely to continue for another fortnight, after which there will be a period of decline before a return to the necessity of recruiting them, which will be the normal regime.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Leo Chiozza Money, Parliamentary Secretary to the Shipping Controller, stated that arrangements had been made to carry out a large programme of standardised merchant vessels to take the place of those sunk by submarines.

No effort was being spared to utilise the shipbuilding resources of the country for merchant shipping having regard to Admiralty needs.

PLOT CHARGE TRIAL.

Removal from Derby Assizes to the Central Criminal Court.

The trial of the four prisoners—Mrs. Wheelton, Harriet Ann Wheeldon, Alfred Mason and Winifred Mason, who stand committed, charged with conspiracy to murder Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Arthur Henderson—has been removed from the Derbyshire Assizes to the Central Criminal Court.

The Attorney-General (Sir Frederick Smith, K.C.), who made the application yesterday in the King's Bench, said he had an affidavit from Sir Charles Mathews, the Director of Public Prosecutions, which stated that, having regard to the importance of the case and that the defendant was only arrested on January 20, it would be expedient to have the trial removed from the assizes.

The Court granted the application.

£4,000 FOR SECRETARY.

Mrs. Almeric Paget Leaves £2,000 to Her Butler.

The wife of Mr. Almeric Paget, M.P., Mrs. P. Whitney Paget, who died last November, left £220,920 4s. She bequeathed—

£4,000 to her secretary.
£2,000 in trust for her butler.
£1,000 to her governesses.
And £2,000 to her god-daughter Peggy, the daughter of Lord Victor Paget.

DRINKING AMONG WOMEN.

Blackburn Licensing Justices yesterday complained that there was no diminution in drinking by women.

A hundred women had been found in one licensed house at the same time and nearly 2,000 women in public-houses at the same hour.

The Justices urged the Liquor Control Board to further restrict the hours of service to women.

The chief constable of Newport assured the licensing authority that the Control Board intended issuing very drastic restrictions if drinking in private houses did not materially diminish.

GREAT FOOD DEBATE IN COMMONS.

Situation Critical Beyond Exaggeration.

'SMALLER HARVEST' FEAR

The possibility of this year's harvest yielding a smaller supply of food than in 1916 was raised in the House of Commons yesterday in the debate on the King's Speech.

Mr. Leslie Scott, who introduced the question, regretted that no mention of the urgent necessity of stimulating food production in this country was made in his Majesty's Speech.

In moving an amendment to the Address embodying this view, Mr. Leslie Scott said the present position was critical beyond the possibility of exaggeration.

There was a large increase of agricultural labour and large areas of arable land would next harvest be growing nothing but weeds.

So far as they could see the yield of 1917 must fall below that of 1916, and, unless drastic measures were taken, far below.

200,000 WORKERS WANTED.

At the present time they wanted 200,000 more efficient workers for agriculture. The most of the surplus labour that was being offered to farmers was untrained.

It was absolutely essential that they should have men to teach these people. Every possible skilled man ought to be utilised to train this large body of unskilled men.

With regard to prices generally, the farmers did not know where they were under the Government regulations. Till farmers could look forward with reasonable degree of certainty as to the future the best could not be expected in the way of increased production.

Mr. Leslie Scott urged that the policy for the future should be to give such security of reasonable profits as would prompt the farmers to make the most out of the land and enable them to employ their workers at better wages.

He further urged the extreme desirability of introducing minimum wage legislation.

£200 MINIMUM OF 25s. PER WEEK.

The Government must take steps to introduce legislation to ensure a settlement on the land of large numbers of men who had been discharged from the Army.

Provision ought to be made at once for a widespread extension of rural housing.

WOMEN RECRUITS.

Mr. Hayden seconded the amendment. Mr. Acland said he believed the farmers were willing to brace up to greater difficulties, but they wanted the position defined.

Sir R. Atkins expressed the hope that the Prime Minister himself would take up the important question of harmonising the divergent

7 DAYS

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bit, great or small,
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claims of the War Office, Board of Agriculture and Board of Trade on the man power of the country.

Mr. Prothero said a Committee was considering the subject raised by the mover and seconder of the amendment.

When their report, which was approaching completion, was presented would be the proper time to deal with the larger policy which had been suggested.

Women recruits for labour on the land were being actively enlisted.

By the middle of March they would have 250 motor tractors at work in the country.

War agricultural committees had been set up and would have the best professional assistance and advice.

MR. LAW'S WARNING.

"This country has now come to the very crisis of its fate."

"The one thing we ought to think about is the war, and the country outside would be horrified if facilities were given for the kind of discussion which generally arises on private members' Bills."

These significant words were uttered in the House of Commons last night by Mr. Bonar Law, replying to objections to the motion that no Bills other than Government Bills should be introduced this session.

The existence of the Government was absolutely dependent on the non-party support of the House of Commons, added Mr. Law.

PRICKED FINGERS TO AVOID RECORD.

"He is the only man I know whose finger prints could not be taken because he pricked his fingers so that a record could not be made," said Detective-Inspector Neil yesterday, referring to George Thompson, who was charged at London Sessions with stealing a cashbox and being a habitual criminal.

A sentence of three years' penal servitude and ten years' preventative detention was passed.

AMERICAN CHILDREN MISSING IN SUNKEN LINER

California, Torpedoed Without Warning
Goes Down in Seven Minutes.

24 LIVES LOST—ATTACKED BY 2 U BOATS.

Will America Regard This as "Overt Act"?—Serious View Taken of News in Washington.

Will the sinking by the German pirates of the California constitute "an overt act" or America?

Washington messages indicate the news of the liner's destruction is regarded of extreme gravity and that the effect has been to quicken preparations for the expected eventuality, which is considered merely a matter of days or even hours. The Anchor Line headquarters at Glasgow yesterday said that, in reply to a cable, a message had been received from America stating that two children claiming to be American born are reported among the missing and also possibly a third American child.

Casualties are officially given as follow:

	MISSING.	INJURED.
WOMEN 4	12
CHILDREN 4	1
MEN 1	6
CREW ...	15	—
	24	19

The California (8,669 tons) left New York with 205 passengers and crew on January 29 and was torpedoed without warning early on Wednesday morning. Members of the crew assert that the vessel was attacked by two submarines.

FAMILY TRAGEDY—MOTHER AND CHILD GONE

German Submarine on Each Side
Doomed Liner.

NO WARNING GIVEN.

When the survivors were landed (says the Press Association correspondent), sympathetic crowds gathered round and cheered as they descended or were carried down the gangway of the rescuing vessel.

Interviewed, Second Officer McCallum, of the fated liner, stated that the California left New York last Monday week for Glasgow with about 205 passengers and crew. The passengers numbered thirty-two.

On Wednesday morning, when the weather was clear, the steamer was struck by a torpedo, the shock being absolutely terrific. Boats were ordered to be lowered, but there was no panic, and the passengers behaved splendidly. Members of the crew assert there was a submarine on each side of the liner, and that she was torpedoed.

The captain did not leave the ship until it sounded under him. The second officer got in the boat which had been swamped and the captain was also picked up.

LOST EVERYTHING.

No warning of any kind was given by the Germans, and the California only remained afloat about seven minutes after being struck.

They were in the boats scarcely an hour before they returned. The crew and passengers lost everything they had.

Mr. Alfred S. V. Knox, solicitor, a cabin passenger, said the California for an instant seemed to be virtually lifted out of the water when struck, but soon commenced to settle down at a stern.

Captain Henderson had taken the precaution to align all the passengers to particular lifeboats.

Mr. Knox went below and brought up some lifebelts and distributed them. The stern of the steamer was almost flush with the sea when he jumped into the lifeboat.

Their boat succeeded in picking up a few persons from the water, and there were three or four bodies lying on the surface of the sea.

DEAD MAN IN BOAT.

An officer in the boat looked seriously ill and Knox gave him his coat to keep him warm. Fifty yards away from them was a boat with a body number of people on it and half full of water. One man was lying dead at the bottom of the boat.

The explosion must have killed several people in the after part of the vessel.

A very sad case was that of Mrs. Little and her only four children, who were on the way to Scotland.

The mother and one child were lost, three other children being saved. The little ones were treated by Red Cross nurses, and were inconsolable at the loss of their mother.

The body of Mr. Hetherington, the purser, has been landed.

The American Consul has taken a full statement concerning the disaster.

A correspondent of the Central News telegraphs:

The lifeboats were launched from the port, and into these the survivors, passengers

and crew were able to scramble, a few unfortunately who fell into the water being rescued.

There was no panic, and though several passengers were injured, all acted in a calm and courageous manner. After being in the boats a short while, the survivors were picked up by a steamer and landed in the evening.

The scene at the quayside while the sufferers were being landed was a pathetic one, but Red Cross nurses and doctors were there, and the rescued people were immediately given the most careful attention, and then conveyed by motor-cars and stretchers to hotels and hospitals, according to the severity of their condition.

Mr. J. A. Lee, master-at-arms, an American, who was on board the crew of the California, states the Exchange and hails from Alabama, says:

"Taking everything into consideration, our perilous position and the cold weather, the passengers behaved in a brave and splendid manner."

FIVE IN HOSPITAL.

The passengers, including the injured, left yesterday by train at 3.30 p.m. A portion of the crew, numbering 122, also left by special train at 3.45 p.m. But five of them have been detained in hospital through injuries sustained.

The missing passengers, it is officially stated, are Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell and two children, Mr. Anderson and child; Third Class: Mrs. Little and child.

The Cunard Company made arrangements for the clothing of all the survivors of the California's passengers and crew.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.—Yesterday it was announced that women and children would not be permitted to travel to Europe unless their business was urgent, but this restriction only applies to the danger zone, and they may still travel to America.—Reuter.

Detectives and watchmen immediately began a detailed investigation of the freight stored

MR. GERARD AND OTHERS HELD AS HOSTAGES.

Great Britain and France Grant a Safe Conduct to Count Bernstorff.

The Germans' latest affront to America is to hold Mr. Gerard and other Americans in Germany as "hostages" until they get guarantees for Count Bernstorff's return.

It is officially stated, says a Reuter Washington message, that Great Britain and France have granted a safe conduct to Count Bernstorff and his staff.

An Exchange Washington message states that Count Bernstorff and party will travel by way of Halifax.

An earlier message from the same source says that the State Department has said that while officially advised that Germany is withholding passports from Mr. Gerard pending the issue of such to and the departure of Count Bernstorff, they expect matters will be adjusted, immediately.

Mr. Gerard, according to the *Politiken*, says the Exchange has telegraphed to the American Legation at Copenhagen, stating that the German authorities intend to detain him, and the whole of his staff, together with all American Consuls and their staffs, until the fate of Count Bernstorff and of the crews of the German ships which have been seized in America is decided.

The total number of American citizens now residing in Germany is estimated by the American Embassy at 2,600, states a Central News message from Amsterdam.



Count Bernstorff.

Mr. Gerard.

"WAR CONSIDERED TO BE MATTER OF HOURS."

Washington Takes Serious View of the Destruction of the California.

Mr. Wilson has directed inquiry to be made and a report dispatched to him on the circumstances of the sinking of the California. A serious view is taken in Washington, where the news was published on Wednesday. The Central News quotes a well-known official as having said last night: "At this rate Germany will soon make a case for us."

"THE EXPECTED EVENTUALITY."

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—Officials here openly declare that the destruction of the California is only a question of time. The German ruthlessness is fully under way and that any hope that Germany might modify her submarine campaign has vanished.

The immediate effect has been to quicken preparations for the expected eventuality which is considered merely a matter of days or even of hours.—Reuter.

EXTREME GRAVITY.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—Pending the receipt of further official reports concerning the sinking of the liner California, Government officials here are reluctant to discuss the matter.

It may, however, be said that it is regarded as one of extreme gravity. Indeed, it is said that on the first of the things the destruction of the California will be held to constitute an "overt act," which will force Mr. Wilson's hand.—Central News.

NEW YORK, Thursday.—The State Department were advised that the California carried one 3in. gun, but held that the question of armament does not mitigate Germany's offence.

GERMAN PLOT TO BLOW UP AMERICAN LINERS.

New York Detectives Arrest Enemy Hidden Among Freights on Pier.

NEW YORK, Thursday.—A German fireman formerly employed on the liner Pennsylvania, which is interned at Hoboken, was found hidden behind bales on the pier of the American Line at 3.50 this morning.

Detectives and watchmen immediately began a detailed investigation of the freight stored

14 SHIPS SUNK.

Lloyd's reported yesterday the following sinkings:

British liners California (8,669 tons), Vedamore (6,539 tons), Turino. Steamers Saxonia (4,855 tons), Hollinside (2,682 tons), Dauntless (2,157 tons), Boyne Castle (245 tons), Rupert (114 tons). Smack Emerald Lt.296.

Norwegian sailing ship Songely (2,063 tons).

Bogian smack Anna Porospero. Russian sailing ship Bangpuhmis (259 tons).

Swedish steamer Varing (2,107 tons).

French steamer Yvonne (123 tons).

on the pier and on board the steamers St. Louis, St. Paul and Lapland lying there. The results have not been disclosed.

It is rumoured that the discovery of the hidden man frustrated a plot to place bombs on board the liners.—Reuter.

AMERICAN SAILINGS POSTPONED.

The American lines, according to an Exchange message from New York, announce that sailing is indefinitely postponed.

SIX-INCH GUNS SHIPPED FOR NEW YORK FORTS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.—All the available 6in. guns at West Point have been shipped to New York for use in the forts protecting the city.—Reuter.

BRITISH ATTACK ON THE SOMME.

All Objectives Gained on Sailly-Saillisel Hill.

ANCRE SUCCESSES.

Average Advance of 1 Mile on Three-Mile Front Since New Year.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, 8.50 P.M.—We attacked this morning an important enemy position on the highest point of the Sailly-Saillisel Hill, on the Somme front.

We gained the whole of our objectives and captured a machine gun and 78 prisoners, including two officers.

The capture of Grandcourt by our troops has been followed up vigorously on both banks of the Ancre, and considerable further progress has been made.

During the night we attacked and captured Baillencourt Farm on the Beaucourt-Miraumont road and south of the River Ancre carried another hostile trench laying between Grandcourt and our old front line.

In these operations we have taken a further eighty-two prisoners, including one officer.

The ground gained by us on the Ancre since the New Year now represents an advance of average depth of nearly three-quarters of a mile on a front of over three miles.

We also entered the enemy's trenches last night south of Bouchavesnes and brought back prisoners and a machine gun. A number of the enemy were killed and his dug-outs were bombed.

During the night an enemy raiding party in the neighbourhood of Guéudecourt was driven off by our barrage before reaching our lines.

Another enemy raid attempted south-west of La Bassée was also repelled.

Considerable artillery action on both sides has continued in the neighbourhood of Armentières and Ypres. We caused a large explosion in the enemy's lines.

On the night of the 6th-7th inst. we dropped bombs on an enemy aerodrome with good effect.

One German aeroplane was destroyed yesterday in air fighting, and three others were driven down damaged. One of our machines is missing.

BERLIN ADMISSION.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.) Army of Duke Albrecht.—In the Ypres bend there was lively firing activity during the evening.

A British aerial squadron dropped bombs on the town of Bruges, which, besides destroying some houses, killed one woman and sixteen children in a school and seriously injured two adults.

Army of Crown Prince Rupprecht.—On both sides of La Bassée Canal, on the Ancre and near Bouchavesnes the artillery duel was more intense than on previous days.

After midnight the British attacked on the north-east of Bouchavesnes.

A limited initial success was speedily repelled by our counter-attacks.

Army of Crown Prince.—In the Aire Valley and near Vaquois (east of the Argonne) our raiding detachments brought in seventeen prisoners out of the search trenches.

Night Official.—In the Somme region there has been temporary lively fire near Sainly. Minor engagements are proceeding.

FOE DISAPPOINTED WITH U BOATS' WORK.

PARIS, Thursday.—It appears from various statements in the German Press that the results of the first week of submarine frightfulness is below expectations.

Captain Perseus publishes an article emphasising the powers of defence against submarines which the British Navy possesses.

The *Berliner Zeitung* says all ships now entering the danger zone are escorted by British cruisers or destroyers.

The *Vossische Zeitung* states that elaborate British patrols have been established.—Wireless Press.

THEY MET AGAIN IN HOSPITAL.



care should be taken to dry them thoroughly, as neglect of this simple precaution is the most common cause of "Chapping." A little

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Petty-Officer Freedman and Petty-Officer Ellis, of the British armoured motor-car section, lying in adjacent beds in a London hospital. They met each other for the first time at Archangel, and became great friends. Their second meeting was unexpected.

MAJOR IN HOSPITAL.



Major, who has been in the first line trenches, and who survived when a ship was torpedoed.

A HELP TO NURSE.



Convalescent soldiers are helping to make surgical appliances at the Orthopaedic Hospital, London.



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Sergeant C. S. Taylor, of the R.A.M.C., also a dieter reader has told us recently root or other uric acid disorders, and bunions aching, swollen or inflamed feet, produced by cold and dampness.

The various kinds of foot misery are simply indications of injured tissues, but there is really no need of enduring any such torture a simple remedy exists. We soldered a piece of Reudel bath salts, which quickly relieved ten and permanently cured by sealing the feet about ten minutes in warm water containing a tablespoonful of ordinary refined Reudel bath salts, which will form a thin coating over the foot. This softens even the worst corns, as they come right off root and all, at the first touch, and all calloused places, blood congestion (chilblains), rheumatic pains, bunions, corns, etc., and swelling, aches and inflammation quickly disappear.

The feet become farthest extremities from the heart to which blood must travel forced foot trouble is usually due to defective circulation. The sootings and healing properties of warm water will stimulate the circulation,

clear sebaceous matter from glands, remove dead skin, and heal and soothe ulcers, redness, and other skin affections. It is acid perspiration and shoe pressure on sensitive, irritated nerves. All chemists keep Reudel bath salts ready put up in convenient packets, one with its directions.

Our readers particularly enjoy foot misery at very slight cost. Although quite similar in composition to the waters of famous medicinal springs, the salted water is added to taste to facilitate its use. Soak the feet in footbath after coming in footbath on a long march. Their newest, tightest boots become comfortable as oldest pair you ever had. A packet of salts is always a valuable article in a traveling kit.

NOTE: Letters, similar to the above, regarding the use of salted water for "trench feet" and the various other painful afflictions, have also been received from the following and numerous other divers:—Sergeant R. Schoolcraft, A.R.C.M.T.; Corp. T. S. Wilburn, R.A.M.C.; Corp. Thos. Jukes, A.S.C.; Corp. J. R. Pitts, A.S.C., M.T.; Corp. Jim Sullivan, Army Physical Trainer; Corp. R. Charles, A.S.C., M.T.

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OVERTIME AND HEALTH.

A man or woman working overtime to keep up the supply of munitions is serving our country. Even if health suffers, it is a sacrifice which the patriotic worker will not regret. And with proper protection the health can be safeguarded.

In other trades also workers are putting too great a strain on their strength.

Someone else, besides the firm, has to pay for overtime. The workers have to pay for it. They pay in nervous, broken sleep, over-tired nerves, and low spirits. They pay in anaemia and impoverished blood. They pay in enfeebled health and premature age—unless they protect themselves.

But they can protect themselves. The protection is plenty of good blood, and the one way to make good blood in plenty is to take Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. You will soon see the effect in an improved appetite, better spirits and the power to go on working overtime without being hurt by it. A man or woman with plenty of blood in the veins is capable of heavier work and longer hours without suffering. But to believe that pale blood are the genuine Dr. Williams'—Don't make any mistake by buying some substitute.

FREE.—A useful book can be had free by sending a postcard for a Health Guide to Book Dept., 46 Holborn Viaduct, London.—(Advt.)

WAR—CONSUMPTION.

The Tubercle Bacillus is still claiming its victims, and, unfortunately, many of our men who have escaped the Hun's bullets have only done so to be claimed by the consumption-causing Tubercle Bacillus. There is, however, a remedy to combat it, although it has not yet been officially recognized, and anyone suffering from Consumption or Tuberculosis should apply to the Standard Free Clinic. Full details of the case are sent a supply of the remedy itself will be dispatched, specially suitable to the disease, understanding that nothing will ever need be paid for it unless the patient is perfectly satisfied with the benefit received, and considers the address made warrants its continuance. Only address: Charles H. Stevens, 204 and 206, Worle-road, Wimbleton, London, S.W.—(Advt.)

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1917.

PROSPECTS.

THOSE behind the scenes of the great drama are just now very busy coming out in front of the curtain to tell the audience what fine sights are in preparation for them. The curtain is down. A vague rumbling goes on behind it. The audience asks itself: "What now? What next?"

Out comes Mr. Bonar Law and gives it as his personal opinion that "there is absolutely no chance whatever" of Germany succeeding in starving this country by the submarines. Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux seconds him and alludes to a new way with the underseas serpents likely to be as effective as that employed with the overhead locusts lately. Two plagues overcome!—in promises. What of the western front?

Here the rumbling behind the curtain audibly increases and Mr. Hodge, the Labour Minister, appears, wisely but a little obviously to remark that he doesn't think he is giving away secrets when he says that the heads of our Army and the Allies have "come to a determination to shorten the war if possible so that it will end at the end of this summer."

This sounds (quite unintentionally) a little hard on the Allies and the heads of our Army—as though they had not hitherto come to a determination to shorten the war, but, for two years or more, had been regarding the war as a sort of amiable sport they were pleased to prolong at leisure. But we know what Mr. John Hodge means. He means that the audience wants consolation and he is going to give it them.

The Prime Minister, M. Briand, Mr. Asquith and four or five other statesmen have also said, in chorus, that we cannot lose. Lord Curzon alone lately—seeming, in contrast, almost an alarmist—alleges darkly to the deeds that the enemy may attempt in the months before us—"deeds that may surpass in horror and atrocity anything that he has hitherto essayed."

When the curtain goes up, then—what?

Nothing but deadlock and further stagnation? Yes, if we content ourselves in these consolations of words.

No (we hope), but an issue, an end, if our military men, instead of promising victory, ruthlessly get rid of the incompetents on their staffs; if our politicians cease delay and compromise and over-confidence and the diffusion of the idea that we must win; if our people save, invest in the War Loan at once, eat about a quarter of what they are eating now, and drink no alcohol whatever.

In fact, a lot to get through. No time for further talk,

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

FEB. 8.—When warmer weather comes there will be plenty of work to do in the vegetable garden. Soil that was dug over during the autumn ought to be given a good dressing of lime on the first favourable opportunity. Manure should not be used at this date.

Towards the end of the month plant Jerusalem artichokes, also shallots. The latter will grow almost anywhere, but a well-prepared soil will, of course, produce the best crop.

E. F. T.

PLEASURE AND SORROW.

Sorrow hath a double voice,
Sharp to-day but sweet to-morrow:
Wait in patience, home, rejoice,
The world is thine.

Pleasure hath a double taste,
Sweet to-day but sharp to-morrow:
Friends of pleasure, rise in haste,
Male friends with sorrow.

Pleasure set aside to-day
Comes again to rule to-morrow:
Welcomed sorrow will not stay,
Farewell to sorrow.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Let it not concern you what you may do, but what you ought to do.—*Claudian*.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

PARENTS v. CHILDREN.

YOUR correspondent, "Advice," has given away his last case.

She assumes that Reggie and Joni will grow old together, which foreshadows a more or less successful marriage.

Such marriages are very rare when the parents arrange them.

G. H. L.

ALL THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General

Railway Concessions.

I HEAR that the question of the increase in railway fares is to have attention in the House during the next few days. I know of several M.P.s who are determined to make strong representation for an all-round decrease. Mr. G. H. Roberts has been carrying out the Board of Trade inquiry into the results of the increased fares and limited services, and I shall not be surprised if he has concessions to announce.

Rations.

I met one or two Labour M.P.s yesterday who told me they were strongly in favour of compulsory food rationing, and that they were going to advocate it in Parliament. They think it is bound to come sooner or later.

A Popular Peers' Official.

Noble lords who have been brought into touch with Sir Henry Graham are, I hear, sincerely sorry that he is resigning the office of Clerk of Parliaments, and still more sorry that he has found it necessary to take this course on account of his health.

Sir Henry has filled the office for thirty-one years with distinction.

A Clever Son.

As a permanent official Sir Henry has had one of the most desirable residences in the Palace of Westminster. His son, Lady Margaret Graham, a sister of the late Marquis of Northampton, is interested in many charitable enterprises. Captain Graham, Sir Henry's second son, is the soldier-author of "Tina."

Speakers and Their Accents.

When Mr. Lloyd George warms to his subject his Welsh accent becomes manifest. Mr. Bonar Law has a distinct Scotch accent, and there is no getting away from the Cock brogue of Lord Beresford when he is once set going. The most marked accent among the peers, however, is that of Lord Fairfax, the Virginian, whose speech has a distinct American flavour.

KNOWING ONE'S FIANCÉE'S PEOPLE.—No. 6.

WHEN HERMES EUGENIC-BROWN, A FIRM BELIEVER IN HEREDITY, WITH A PASSION FOR BEAUTY IN THE HUMAN RACE, HAS THE GOOD FORTUNE TO BE ACCEPTED BY APHRODITE JONES, HE CONGRATULATES HIMSELF THAT HE IS SECURING THE PRECIOUS ATTRIBUTE OF BEAUTY TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF EUGENIC-BROWNS.



BUT, CONFRONTED WITH A GATHERING OF HIS FIANCÉE'S RELATIVES, HE FINDS THAT EITHER HE HAS GOT TO ABANDON HIS LIFE-LONG BELIEF IN HEREDITY, OR HOLDING ON TO IT, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CHANCES OF BEAUTIFUL LITTLE FUTURE EUGENIC-BROWNS ARE REMOTER THAN HE HAD THOUGHT.



IT IS MORE THAN EVER NECESSARY TO KNOW THEM IF YOU ARE ANXIOUS TO LIVE ONLY WITH BEAUTY ABOUT YOU. A BEAUTIFUL GIRL DOES NOT ALWAYS HAVE GOOD-LOOKING RELATIVES.—
(By W. K. Haselden.)

To-day's the Day.

This is "par excellence" War Loan Day. Most patriotic firms will be holding meetings with the object of inducing their employees to subscribe to the War Loan. And this is what is going to win the war—not the few large subscriptions of the rich, but the myriad small subscriptions of those who are content and eager to "do their bit."

A Hint for To-day.

WHAT'S THE USE OF WORRYING?
IT NEVER WAS WORTH WHILE.
PUT ALL YOUR MONEY IN THE NEW WAR LOAN,
AND SMILE, SMILE, SMILE!

Will Count Plunkett Sit?

Count Plunkett has had many congratulations on his election as M.P. Numerous addresses were presented to him before he left Boyle, one being from the Ladies' Hurling League. Bonfires were burned on the hillsides, and thousand s awaited his arrival in Dublin, singing "The West's Awake." The Count, I hear, will not take his seat in Parliament until he consults his constituents.

Humours of the Election.

The North Roscommon contest was not without its humours. There was, for instance, the Redmondite rural district councillor who objected to Count Plunkett because of his title which he thought was an imperial one. And imperial titles, I am told, are not at all popular in the County Roscommon.

Germany's Call to Berlin.

"GIVE ME ONE GERARD, PLEASE!"

The Fighting Duke.

A picturesque figure at the opening of Parliament was the Duke of Richmond and Gordon who looked strikingly handsome in his khaki uniform. The Duke is now in the seventies, but his services are still at the disposal of his country. He comes of an ancient fighting stock, and when the South African war broke out he was there in the thick of it all.

Naval Souvenir.

I have just seen a neat souvenir medal of the battle off Heligoland Bight. It is a small silver disc, with a date and an inscription on one side, while the obverse has tiny designs of the Lion and the Arthus.

The Practical Poet.

I notice that the Poet Laureate, who had the misfortune of having his house burned down the other day, has been advising the people to invest in the War Loan. His appeal is written in the best prose; but

why not a poem on the subject? It would fire the imagination and loosen the purse-strings.

Versatility.

Dr. Bridges, unlike his immediate predecessors, is a man of extraordinary versatility. Tennyson was a poet, and nothing else. Alfred Austin was a poet—by courtesy. The present laureate, however, is a doctor, a critic, a playwright, a compiler of hymns and—what would have made Tennyson, a purist of the older school, go pale with horror—a spelling reformer!

Wedding Ways and Days.

Wedding customs relax in war time. Early yesterday, as I passed Lord Allexdale's house, I saw the gallant young officer who later in the day became his son-in-law emerging from the door, whereas in old days one must do no more than look at the bride's residence. Lord Ebrington, however, "does otherwise," for he entered St. Peter's Church by the main door with his best man and his parents.

War Garb.

No wartime marriage has gathered such a noble audience as that of Lord Allexdale and Miss Marjorie Bellairs, who played "The Maid of the Mountains" at Daly's to-morrow night. Knights Were Bold" over 1,000 times.



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The Coming Thaw.

There is skating on the Heron Pond at Bushey Park. It is believed, however, that on the "herring pond" the ice will soon be broken.

When the War Will End.

Every politician I met last evening was discussing the probable duration of the war. Few agreed as to the month that hostilities would end. Strangely enough almost at the moment Mr. Hodge, the Labour Minister, was making his forecast as to the war ending at the close of the summer. He was asking the question with a Liberal ex-Cabinet Minister in the Peers' Lobby. His prediction is that the war will last another year.

Warning to Food Hoarders.

A fat man at a table in a Strand restaurant said to his companion: "I've laid in a big store of food, so if we get on short commons I'll be all right." "Then, so am I," said a stranger, with a fighting jaw. "If we do have short commons, I'll report your hoard to the police, as I happen to know your address."

Realism in the Ballet.

There are many clever women, but few can excel Mme. Donnet, whom I met yesterday. She holds French and Russian "Varsity" degrees, and has written a Renaissance ballet called "La Dame à la Rose," which Sir Granville Bantock is to do at their next performance. The principal danseuse, Mlle. Ramberth, is to be a Botticelli Madonna come to life. The ballet, I hear, is the "real thing" and the Renaissance scenes correct in every detail.

Flowers—and the Frost.

One of the leading florists in London tells me that the cold weather is having its effect upon the price of flowers. Hothouse roses, for instance, are being sold wholesale at from five shillings per dozen blooms, and artificial twelve shillings a dozen. The reason why these flowers are so dear is owing to double their usual price—a serious consideration at a time when many flowers are being bought by friends of soldiers in hospital.

THE RAMBLER.

AN EARL'S HEIR WEDS.



Captain Viscount Ebrington, M.C. (Scots Greys), the Earl of Fortescue's heir, and his bride, the Hon. Margaret Beaumont, leaving the church yesterday.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

CURATE AS COALMAN



The Rev. A. Worr distributing coal at Battersea.



The poor must fetch their own supply.

Perambulators, sacks and all sorts of articles are used for carrying coal.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

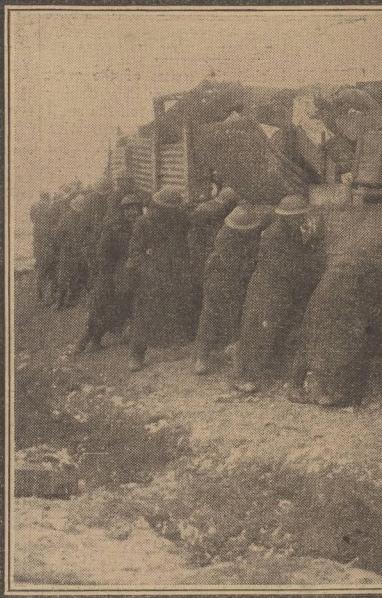
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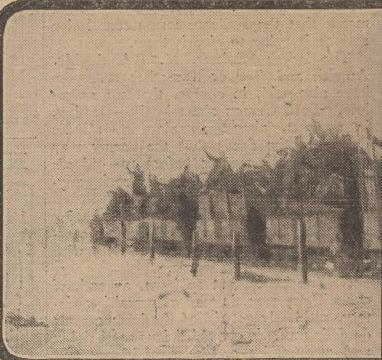
This Royal Engineer, who is seen digging for the inhabitant of a reconquered village in France, recovered a large sum of money which was buried before the Huns arrived. The woman is standing on the site of her demolished home waiting to hear if the money is safe, and the Crown Prince will regret to learn that it has now been restored to her.—(Official photographs.)



MOVING DAY ON



At first man power was required to push the



Then when the fussy little engine got going t

BROTHERS M.C.



Lieutenant Stuart Forbes, son of Mr. J. Colin Forbes, the Canadian artist.



Lieutenant Kenneth Forbes, his brother. Both have won the Military Cross.

SCHOOLBOY

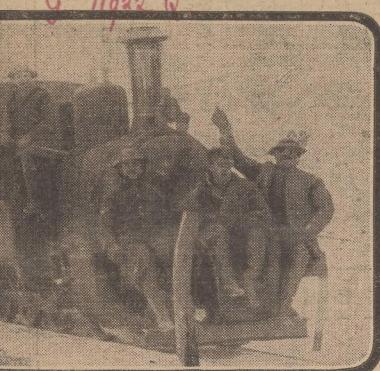


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WESTERN FRONT.



case a railway truck.—(Official photograph.)



conquered territory.—(Official photograph.)

ND BAGS.



IN PUBLIC EYE.



Lady Furness, superintendent of her husband's hospital for officers at Harrogate.

make sandbags, and
Their good example

wherever.

Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., who is
seventy-nine years of
age to-day.

SIR J. JELLIFFE'S DAUGHTERS GO SKATING.



Giving three wounded men a good time.



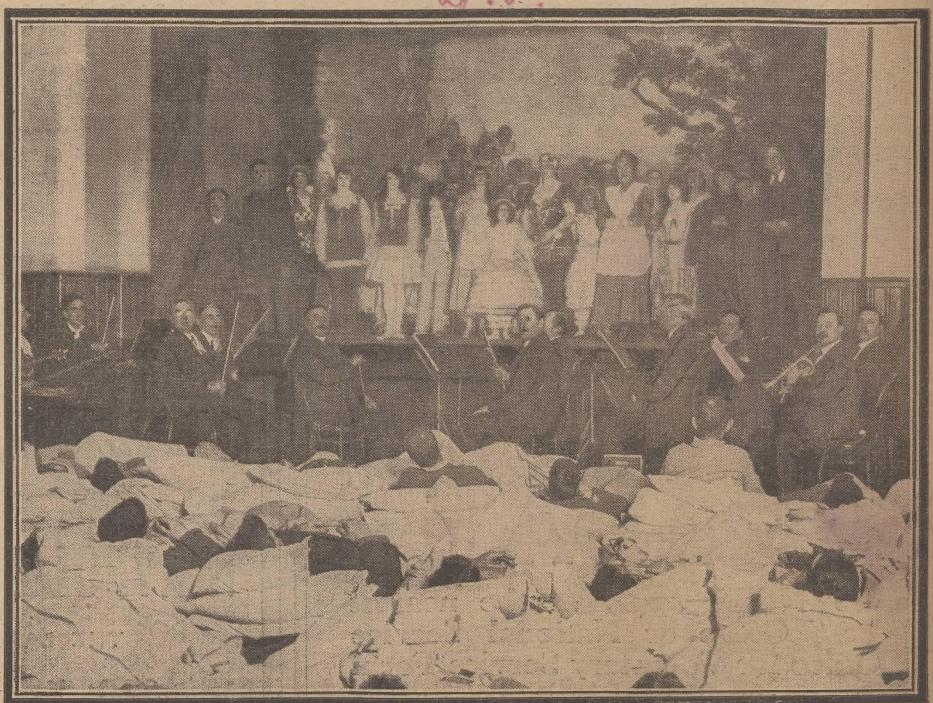
Clearing away a snowdrift at Ashford, Kent.

London was a trifle warmer yesterday, there being 13deg. of frost in the morning, as against 16deg. on the previous morning. Skating was in full swing all over the country, and many well-known people were at the Botanic Gardens.



The Misses Norah and Myrtle Jellicoe in Regent's Park.

PANTOMIME WHICH WAS MOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY TO A HOSPITAL.



Nine hundred wounded men, including fifty stretcher cases, were among the audience at a performance of "The Babes in the Wood," which was moved in its entirety from the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, to No. 2 War Hospital, at Hollymoor. Thus many men whose injuries forbade them visiting a theatre were provided with a most enjoyable entertainment.

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THE PHANTOM LOVER.



By RUBY M. AYRES.
HOW THE STORY BEGINS.

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JUNE MASON, who is Micky's friend, becomes Esther's friend.

MARIE DELAND, of whom Micky was fond before he knew Esther, meets him on his return from Paris.

MRS. ASHTON, Raymond's mother, asks Micky what he means by leaving the girl at Eldred's to whom her son had been engaged. Micky denies all knowledge of her.

Micky writes as Raymond Ashton. She decides to do what he wants. June sees the writing, and thinks that it is like Micky's.

Micky invites June and Esther to go to a theatre with him.

"EVERYTHING HAS COME RIGHT."

"MICKY!" said June indignantly. She flushed all over her face, and her queer eyes blazed angrily at him. She really felt that she had done a dreadful thing in having allowed him to guess. She felt a traitor to Esther and to her own promise.

"You needn't look so upset," Micky said. "You've not told me anything at all; I knew it long before you did."

She questioned him eagerly.

"When? How—oh, Micky, do tell me."

"There's nothing to tell. Ashton often spoke about her to me. I knew she was at Eldred's, and that's that's all," he added lamely.

"All!" June said, disappointedly.

"But surely you know more than that! What do you think of him? Do you think he really cares for her?" Oh, Micky, do you think he's good enough for her?"

"I haven't thought about it," Micky maintained stolidly. "And if you take my advice, you won't either. It never does to meddle with other people's affairs."

"And do you mean to say that I have got to stand by and see her ruin her life?"

Micky shrugged his shoulders.

"She's not married yet," he said laconically. "Have some tipsy cake, will you?"

"No—I don't want any more."

"Well, I do. Waitress..."

It was a deliberate attempt to change the conversation, but June knew it; she sat back in her chair frowning.

"If you loved Esther as much as I do," she said suddenly, "you wouldn't stand by and say nothing while she goes and marries that man."

Micky was prodding the tipsy cake with a fork.

"She hasn't married him yet," he said, stiffly. "And it makes me happy."

"She isn't my good man, at least only in theory!" June declared. "It's not Raymond Ashton she really cares for, but some wonderful person she thinks he is. She is looking at him through rose-coloured glasses."

Micky smiled.

"That's what most women do, isn't it?" he asked. "My dear girl, don't get so upset; I thought you wanted to bring me out to talk business."

"This is business, my business at least, even if you're not interested. No wonder you didn't want her to go to Mrs. Ashton's!"

Micky coloured.

"Well—I thought it would be better not, certainly."

June regarded him severely.

"We're a dozen times worse," she said. "I never even guess that you knew anything."

"Why should you? And I don't know anything. Can't we talk about something else?" he asked, plaintively.

It was getting on his nerves, this constant conversation about Esther; every moment was dragging him nearer to the end of his own folly he knew, and when it came—he could not imagine what he would do then.

"So you'll come along tomorrow, eh?" he asked presently. "It's a long time since we went for a little jaunt together."

"I shall love it." But June answered absently; her thoughts were still with Esther. Silence fell between them; Micky had finished his tipsy cake and was leaning back in his chair, a cigarette hanging dejectedly between his fingers. He had lit it, but if had gone out, and though much smoke beside him he made no effort to light it again.

June watched him across the table. Yes, he didn't look a bit well, she thought again. What was the matter with him? Was he really in love with someone, as she had told Esther she was sure he was?

What a world it seemed! Everybody in love with either the wrong people or unsuitable people. Why on earth couldn't everything be made straight by allowing everyone to choose a person best suited to them, and so live happily ever after?

"You know, Micky," she said, impulsively. "I had quite made up my mind that you and Esther were to fall in love with one another."

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It would have been ideal, wouldn't it?" she asked, wickedly.

A little spasm crossed Micky's face, but it was gone so quickly, June could never be quite sure if she had not imagined it.

"Indeed," he said, quietly. "Shall we go?"

"I'll let you know about to-morrow," June said, as they parted. "I shall have to wear the same old purple frock I wore when you took me out last time; you won't mind?"

"Not a bit, as long as you come; and... let me know about Miss Shepstone. If she won't come I'll give the ticket away."

"I'll let you know," said June, vaguely.

She walked home deep in thought. So Micky had been talking to Esther again. She was sure that she was pleased with him for keeping the fact from her; there was a small tinge of jealousy in her heart. They had been such pals, he and she; surely he might have trusted her and told her!

I suppose I'm not to be trusted with a secret, though," she thought, with a comical sigh. "Look how easily I gave Esther's address!"

She was ready when she got in, and Esther and Charlie sat curled up together in the fire-light.

"I've got an invitation for us both to-morrow night," June said even as she opened the door. She spoke rather loudly and excitedly; she kept well out of the firelight; she was sure that her face would give her away, and that Esther would know what she and Micky had been talking about.

Esther looked up eagerly; she had had rather a dull look of it, and just lately the comfortable room had rather got on her nerves. She was tired of doing nothing; she longed for a change.

"A theatre," said June. "It's from Micky. I tell you at once, so you shan't throw cold water over it afterwards. He's got some seats for a first night, and asks us both to go. What do you say?"

"I haven't got a dress," said Esther promptly.

"I have told you you'd say that," June answered calmly, "and he said it didn't matter—or something to that effect. Micky never notices what you wear," she went on airily. "I'm going to wear an old purple rag that I've had for about forty years."

Esther laughed. "I daresay I can buy one in time" she said; she did not intend Micky to think she could not afford a frock; she decided at once that she would have black and white; someone at Eldred's had told her that black and white suited her better than anything else.

"I think I should rather like to go," she added shyly.

"Good!" June hid the amazement she felt.

"Well, Micky's going to call for us and take us out to dinner first. I'll be in a nervous fit—Micky always does the thing in style! I tell you I'm quite excited already."

"It's kind of him to ask me," Esther said.

"Why?" June demanded. "Oh, you mean because you don't like one another, but that wouldn't trouble Micky; he'd take you out if he had a hundred of you, he's so kind-hearted."

"Thank you for a doubtful compliment," said Esther laughing.

She was making plans rapidly in her mind. Micky had never seen her well dressed; had never seen how nice she could look in an evening frock.

I had another chance from Raymond this morning, she said, fitting a little. "So it will come in useful. I can get a ready-made frock—Micky's look so bad."

"You'll look an angel whatever you wear," said June affectionately.

"I'm so glad you're coming; somehow I thought you'd stick your nose in the air and refuse."

Esther did not answer; she was wondering what would surprise why she had not done so; she put it down to the fact that she had been dull and bored all day and welcomed the idea of a change.

She and June spent the next morning shopping.

I know a little woman just off the Brompton-road who'll fix you up," June said eagerly. "She's got the tiniest shop, but it's crammed full of the prettiest things—wonderfully nice, too."

"I can't afford much," Esther said reluctantly.

"She won't charge you much," June declared. "She's a friend of mine. She has my dreams on her counter, too. It's a fine advertisement, you see. She gets lots of actresses and smart people in, and they ask what it is, and try a jar and send for more, and there you are!"

She had a laugh.

"It's not too expensive—" she protested. But she acted by paying much more than she had originally intended. There was such a gem of a frock—black velvet and a white transparent bodice.

"You look a duck!" June declared. "Doesn't she fit me?"

But the mirror told Esther how charming she really looked without any further words.

The real night ought not to have spent so much," she said as they went home. "But it is rather nice, isn't it?"

"Micky will be absolutely bowled over," June declared. "I shall have to take a back seat all the evening."

And Micky apparently was "bowled over" judging by the look that crept into his eyes when he arrived that night and found Esther sitting in the circle of firelight.

June was late as usual; she called out to him from her room that she wouldn't be half a minute, but she'd been so busy.

"There's no hurry," Micky answered quickly. He went over to the circle of firelight where Esther stood, a little flushed and shy in her new frock.

"It's very kind of you to come," he said rather agitatedly.

She looked up.

"It's very kind of you to ask me," she said.

(Continued on page 10.)

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GERMAN TRENCH WON.

Russian Dash Near Kirlibaba
Counter-Attack Repelled.

TURKS BEATEN BACK.**RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.**

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

Western Front.—North-east of Kirlibaba our advanced detachments made a rush on the enemy's foremost trenches.

On being met by fire and explosives our troops dashed forward through the gaps in the wire formed by this explosion, and occupied the trench.

The attack by two enemy companies with the object of regaining the trench failed.

Romanian Front.—There has been infantry fighting.

Caucasian Front.—Attempted attacks upon our detachments by two Turkish companies in the vicinity of Safrak (sixteen miles south-west of Gumiush-Khan) were beaten back by our fire.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

(Admiralty per Wireless.)

Front of Archduke Josef.—In the snow-covered Carpathians and in the hilly regions of Western Moldavia there was lively firing on several occasions and also raiding party engagements.

Macedonian Front.—Between the Ochrida and Prespa Lakes there have been outpost skirmishes, after which French prisoners were brought in.

TO FIGHT U BOATS.

Britain's plans to fight the U boat menace, as stated by Lord Curzon in the House of Lords on Wednesday, have been received with the liveliest satisfaction in shipping and naval circles.

It is understood that several new schemes for dealing with the U boat have been placed during the few weeks before the Inventions Board of the Admiralty.

Naturally the details are a closely-guarded secret, but it is stated that experiments have shown them capable of performing all that was claimed for them.

A writer in the *Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool) estimates the number of German submarines now available for sinking ships at between 100 and 150.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Leo Chiozza Money, Parliamentary Secretary to the Shipping Controller, stated that arrangements had been made to carry out a large programme of standardised merchant vessels to take the place of those sunk by submarines.



An inter-hospital match played by the sisters near Salonika.—(Official photograph.)

GERMAN STATION BOMBED**Surprise Attack by the French on Foe in Argonne.****FRENCH OFFICIAL.**

Afternoon Communiqué.—On the Verdun front there were fairly lively grenade fights and petroleum operations in the region of Hill 304.

In the region of Hill 304 and the Avocourt Wood we captured a German patrol near Bouzez. In Alsace there were patrol encounters in the sectors of Metzeral, Aspach and Seppois.

Aviation.—On Tuesday night one of our aeroplanes dropped six bombs on the military establishments of Lahr (Grand Duchy of Baden).

On the same night one of our air squadrons bombed the aerodrome of Mariakirke-Ruter.

Night Communiqué.—There was rather lively artillery fighting to the south of the Somme in the regions of Denincourt and Lihons.

In Argonne, in the sector of Bolande, we carried out a surprise attack on the German trenches which enabled us to bring back a score of prisoners.

Aviation.—Enemy aeroplanes dropped projectiles on the region of Pont Saint Vincent. Four persons of the civil population were killed and five wounded.—Exchange.

BELGIAN OFFICIAL.

In the night of February 7 and 8 the Germans again attempted to penetrate into the Belgian lines.

A strong enemy party advanced to attack our posts to the south of Dixmude. It was received with rifle and machine-gun fire by the Belgians. The assailants were decimated, and the survivors surrendered.

NEWS ITEMS.**Lawns as Sheepwalks.**

That the lawns at Lord Kenyon's residence at Gredington were to be turned into sheepwalks was stated at Flintshire Tribunal yesterday.

Supply of Petroleum.

To deal with questions of the distribution of petroleum and similar oils, a special branch of the Ministry of Munitions has been established.

Run Over in Oxford-street.

Any one who saw an aged woman run down by a dark motor-car in New Oxford-street on February 5 should write to Bow-street Police Station.

Eton Economising.

By order of the headmaster of Eton, the boys are placed on strict war rations, and reduced tailors' bills, and the abandonment of long leave are further economies that have been effected.

NEUTRALS AND U BOATS.

MADRID. Thursday.—The text of the Spanish Note to Berlin and Vienna has been published. It in Spain says she cannot agree to the maritime proceedings of the Central Powers, and hopes that they will be withdrawn.

Failure this, Spain will take all measures to safeguard her neutral rights.

The Hague. Thursday.—In the Second Chamber to-day the Primo Minister said the Government had lodged a strong protest against the attitude adopted by Germany, and would certainly oppose with force of arms any violation of the neutrality of Holland.—Central News.

THE PHANTOM LOVER.

(Continued from page 9.)

answered. She felt much more at her ease with him now. She knew that she was looking so particularly pretty. A little smile crossed her face. "And we haven't the first time we have had dinner together, is it?" she asked.

He answered eagerly that he was glad she must have forgotten. She looked away from him.

"No, I shall never forget that, though it seems so long ago since that night. I was so unhappy then, but now . . ."

"But now?" he asked as she paused.

"Now everything has gone right," she told him. "You said you were sure you would, if you remembered." His face changed a little.

"I am glad I was such a good prophet," he said.

June came bustling in; she was flushed and breathless, and laden with flowers, fan and gloves, all of which she dropped on the sofa.

"I'm quite ready," Esther, where's my cloak?

Do find it there's an anger. Oh, and my slippers—I've got everyting else."

But there was a taxi and racing away through the crisp night.

I've booked a table at Marnio's," Micky said.

"I like anything to-night," she told him.

"I'm going to enjoy myself thoroughly, what ever happens."

Micky glanced at Esther; she was leaning back in the corner.

"A young Miss Shepstone?" he asked, rather nervously.

"Esther's too excited to speak," June announced for her. "Oh, are we here already?"

She led the way into the lounge of the big restaurant; Micky was well known here, apparently.

"Everyone in London knows Micky," June whispered to Esther with a sort of pride. "Look at the men he gets."

Esther glanced at him; probably anybody with Micky's looks could get the same attention, she thought.

There were a good many people in the lounge; Esther looked at them interestedly. Some of the women were beautifully dressed, but the black and white frock held its own bravely.

"You look nicer than any of them," June told her. "I always knew Micky's found a friend." She looked across to where he was standing and Esther followed her gaze.

Micky was talking to two ladies—one of them was young and rather pretty, and the other—Esther's face flushed suddenly, and she bit her lip hard, for the other was Mrs. Ashton, Raymond's mother.

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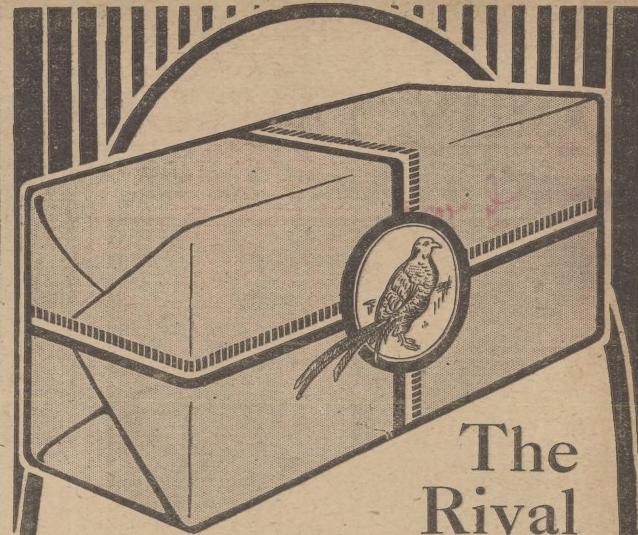
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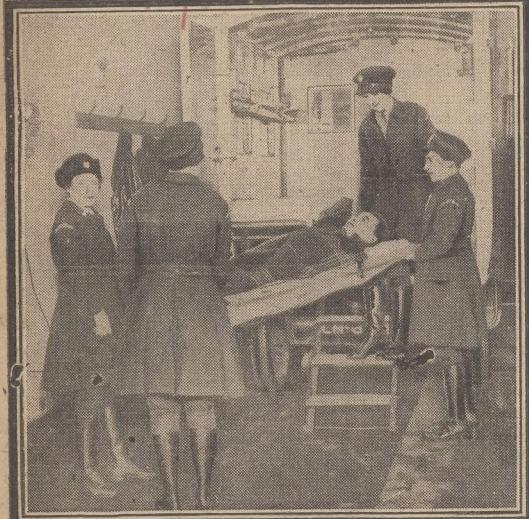
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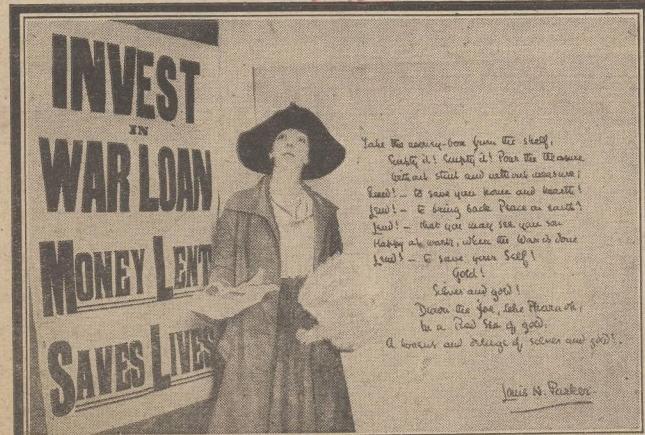
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